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Editorial

Can Be Supplied Yet

If any pastors, churches or Sunday-schools, have failed to get the blanks sent out by Brother Gillin, they can be supplied by making application to this office. It is desirable that all schools and churches should be supplied with these blanks so that complete statistics may be gathered. Please remember that your reports are to be sent to J. L. Gillin, Waterloo, Iowa, Station A. We trust pastors and schools will aid the secretary in making this contemplated record as full and complete as possible.

A Christian Gentleman

Unpretentious simplicity, true courtesy, boundless charity, these are the marks of a cultured Christian gentleman, who in order to attain to this superior excellence has persistently disciplined that part of his nature which lies in the lower domain of self-consciousness. But this discipline is painful, and therefore unpopular with the effeminate; it is laborious, and therefore obnoxious to the indolent; it is humiliating, and therefore odious to the proud; it is intelligent, and therefore incomprehensible to the stupid. Yet if we could appreciate its rewards, if we could comprehend the peace, purity and power which comes of this training, perhaps our souls might be lured toward the serene heights, crowned with glory, undeterred by the intervening toils, trials and terrors of the precipitous ascent.

The National Mission

War is a direct contradiction of the great mission in history which is the manifest purpose of Providence concerning this country. During all the dark and bloody ages which preceded the dawn of liberty, the common people were the retainers of the powerful in war as well as their slaves in peace. And war was the most absorbing occupation of all the old tyrannies. The consecration of this continent to liberty will never be complete until there is an equal consecration of its increasing population to the arts of unbroken peace. How fitting it would be for this generous and chivalrous people to lead in the greatest of all reforms by establishing first of all the great American Diet, controlling and settling all international questions in the Western Hemisphere. From this great advance there might be found comparatively easy stages by which to ascend to Tennyson's

magnificent ideal of the Parliament of Man: Not in Vain the distance beacons. Forward let us range.

Let the great world spin forever down the ringing grooves of change.

We Can Please You

We are prepared to do all kinds of neat job work, and if any of our readers have need of anything in this line we shall be glad to supply them. Pastors often make use of printed cards, calendars announcing time of service, circulars, programs, etc.; also printed envelopes and letter heads. These we can furnish in elegant style. We do nothing but first class work, and at prices as low as any others. If you are in need of anything in our line let us have your order, and we will execute it speedily and in a workmanlike manner. Those who expect to attend National Conference can, if they will let us have their order soon, have their goods delivered there for the regular price, less the cost of mailing or expressage. This will be quite an advantage. Let us know what you want, and we will be sure to please you.

Two More Reported

Since last paper went out two more schools have reported their collection for missions taken June 19. These are, Fairview, \$6.14, and North Georgetown, \$3.48, making a total of \$9.62. Previously reported, \$17.98, total to date, \$27.60. This amount has been contributed by ten schools, making an average of a little more than \$2.70 each. Had all the schools taken a collection on that day and the above average maintained the amount would have reached \$80. Glenford takes a collection for missions once a month, and June 19 happened not to be their day. The report is encouraging and we have reasons to look for good results from the two collections during the year, ordered by the state conference.

A Misunderstanding

Pastors and churches in Ohio will please remember that all missionary money is to be sent direct to the secretary of the Home Mission Board, C. E. Deffenbaugh, Glenford, Ohio. The collection taken on June 19 was directed by brother J. A. Miller, member of the National Mission Board and secretary for this state. He announced that half the amount collected on this day should go to the National Board, and also ordered it sent to this office, but this does not apply

to future collections, nor to any other collections except the one above referred to. The state conference has directed the distribution of the funds hereafter collected by the schools, and this leaves it with the donor to designate where the money shall go. It will be remembered that the National Mission Board is composed of one member from each conference district, and Brother Miller is the Board's representative in that district. He represents Ohio on the National Board, and as such he directed the collection June 19.

Marching On

Fifty millions dollars expended in the last three great wars of the world by benevolent societies for the relief of the sick and wounded, and another million now being gathered to relieve the distress in Cuba, furnish striking evidence that this is a Christian era in effect as well as in name. History makes no record of such wide and effective charity in the thousand wars of old. Of course when the world reaches the acme of civilization there will be no wars at all, and there will be no resultant appeal to the practical sympathy of mankind to mitigate the horrible havoc which follows in its wake. But at least in the present dispensation that devoutly to be wished for consummation is approached by slow degrees, and we can see only the progressive stages of this moral revolution, or perhaps we should say, evolution. That in our day there is a thousand times more charity, a thousand times more self-sacrifice, that there is far less war ardor, that the voice of Christianity in general is more emphatic in its protest against carnage, is most unmistakable and gratifying proof that the world is steadily marching on toward the golden age of universal peace and universal brotherhood.

Lend a Helping Hand

There is beauty in a life of service. It is the useful, the helpful life that is beautiful. The mere adornment of the body adds nothing to the beauty of life unless there is a corresponding adornment of the inner man, the meek and quiet spirit. The beautiful life is the life of service, the life consecrated to the divine Master and to the cause of humanity. And in this world of sin, of sorrow, of loss, of pain, of dreary, dark, cloudy nights, none need want for something to do, something that will open the avenues of the soul thro which may stream a little of sweet sunshine which God in his tender mercy meant for all of his created beings. Many